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SCANNING MICROSCOPIC METHOD HAVING HIGH

AXIAL RESOLUTION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 January 8, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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